

Wythe-Grayson Regional Library
Director's Report 2017-05-18
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Activities & Training

TRAINING SESSIONS

Base Camp/Book Points. Enid Costly was generous enough to come to Wythe County Public Library, twice. She recently went over staff questions and issues on setting up Base Camp for online registration, reading log and Summer Reading Program activities. Sarah is setting up the calendar, activities, badges and prizes. The library will continue using paper registration and logs for those not wanting to register online. Those participating in the most recent training are: Sarah Dye, Rebeca Bennett, Belinda Stroupe, Lacy Crigger, Anita Libby and Mary Thomas.

Base Camp is being tested at the Wythe County Public Library for summer 2017 Children's SRP. At the end of the summer the whole process of using Base Camp for reading programs will be evaluated.

Well Read and Well Fed Serving Summer Meals at Virginia Libraries. (Webinar). Wythe County Library is participating in the summer meals program. For their participation, the library was donated two large boxes of juvenile books. The books were distributed at the VPLDA meeting.

MEETINGS

VPLDA Spring meeting. The focus of the training was on training staff, and having work be fun place to be. Updates from the Library of Virginia and Virginia Library Association. Outstanding library programs were briefly discussed.

Grayson County and Wythe County Board of Supervisors meetings. A presentation of activities and accomplishments of Wythe-Grayson Regional Libraries. Introducing the library staff as 'Info Busters'. Reinforced all the services and programs available to the public for free and those services that have a fee. Presented key aspects of the in-house survey.

Wythe County generously offered their public information resources and who to contact in to post programs, activities and services of the Wythe County libraries.

Smart Beginnings. I attended both the Twin County Coalition and the Wythe Bland Coalition meeting. The emphasis is on birth to 5 literacy strategies and engaging community resources to help families with young children on a variety of levels. Anita Libby and Sarah Dye regularly attend the Wythe Bland Coalition meetings.

Building & Grounds

Flooring and Painting - Grayson County Public Library (GCPL): The Grayson Public Library has a fresh coat of paint and new carpet and vinyl flooring. A public open house and thank you to everyone who helped will be scheduled in June.

Surplus Items. Each branch library has been requested to look around their library and determine those items that needs to be discarded or are no longer useful at their library. A few items have been repurposed. Grayson County Library has been able to sell many of the items that are no longer needed at the library. Some items were beyond repair and were given away to anyone or discarded.

The old library courier van was sold.

Any items that are in good repair but are no wanted by staff or the public will be donated to area agencies that want the items.

Lighting (GCPL). Quotes have been received to update the lighting.

Technology and Internet Access

Internet Service. Wythe County has lost its internet person. He has moved on to another position. The library currently does not have the staffing to keep up with or make recommendations for technical services, software purchases and just basic maintenance on the computers.

Two area IT businesses have been contacted. The process is to decide to have one service for all libraries or one for each county. This will depend on the cost of services.

Services for Patrons – Accepting Credit /Debit Cards

I am looking into the best way for WGRL to accept Debit and Credit Cards. The goal is to have an alternative method for library users to pay for fines, fees and cost of other services. I am in the process of talking with each county, and other library directors of the different options available.

Personnel Changes

New hires. Welcome to Part Time Library Assistants Jennifer Grossclose at WCPL and Levi Hash at GCPL.

Branch Activities Report - See attached.

BRANCH LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

See attached.

Circulation Report - See Attached.

Financial Report – See Attached.